

### REMARKS

This submission is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination. Reexamination and reconsideration of claims 29 and 31-36 are respectfully requested. Applicants acknowledge and appreciate the allowance of claims 1-14 and 38-45 as indicated in the Office Action dated December 1, 2005. Additionally, claims 15-28, 30, and 37 have been cancelled previously without prejudice.

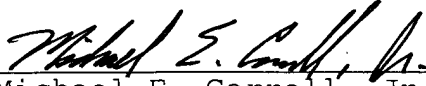
Claims 29 and 31-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. sec. 103(a) applying U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2005/0074293 (the '293 publication) without a teaching reference. It is respectfully submitted that the '293 patent does not disclose, teach, or otherwise suggest each and every feature of amended claim 29. No new matter was added to independent claim 29 since the present application claims the benefit to the related applications as listed on p. 1 of the application. See U.S. Pat. No. 6,371,691 at Col. 9-10, ll. 61-47. The withdrawal of the section 103(a) rejection of claims 29 and 31-36 is warranted and respectfully requested.

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Allowance of all pending claims is believed to be warranted and is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is welcomed to telephone the undersigned to discuss the merits of this patent application.

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